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## **SALINE COUNTY CASA SERVICE TO CHILDREN CONTINUES UNINTERRUPTED**

The Executive Director of Saline County CASA was arrested Monday, Sept. 13, for keeping a gambling house and theft of property, both felonies. Jackie Perkins' involvement in CASA began in 2002 when she became a board member. She was hired as the Executive Director in November 2005.

Saline County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) has and will continue to advocate for children in the courts. In the last calendar year, Saline County CASA had 21 dedicated volunteers who served 53 children. Because the investigation is ongoing, no one from CASA, the Administrative Office of the Courts, or the courts may comment on it.

Arkansas CASA is a program of the Administrative Office of the Courts. Its mission is to recruit qualified, adult volunteers to advocate in court for the best interests of abused and neglected children in an effort to move them more quickly to safe, permanent homes. Arkansas CASA is committed to helping the Saline County CASA volunteers during this period. Its focus, as it always has been, will remain on helping the children who need a voice in the courts.

Arkansas CASA provides technical assistance, grants, and training to the local programs, but does not have the authority to tell the local programs how to operate. The state program, however, does monitor compliance with grant requirements and state and national standards.

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